



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE

March 28, 2002

**H.R. 3425**

**A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of establishing Highway 49 in California, known as the “Golden Chain Highway,” as a National Heritage Corridor**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on March 20, 2002*

H.R. 3425 would require the National Park Service (NPS) to prepare a special resource study of Highway 49 in California. The study would determine the suitability and feasibility of establishing the highway as a National Heritage Corridor and would explore options for preserving it and interpreting significant features. The legislation would require the agency to complete the study within one year of receiving funding and to report to the Congress on its findings 30 days later.

Based on information provided by the NPS and assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts, CBO estimates that completing the required study and report would cost the federal government \$200,000, mostly over the next fiscal year. H.R. 3425 would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. H.R. 3425 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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